

QUARTERLY REPORT



CITY OF SUNNYVALE

WINTER 2006

GOING...GOING...GONE!

Forum Development Group has completed demolition of the old mall parking deck along Mathilda and the building which once housed Chevy's Restaurant. A new temporary parking lot has been built in their place south of Washington Avenue. Holiday shoppers will find plenty of free parking in Downtown, with two surface lots along

Washington, both east and west of Macy's, and the parking structure on Iowa east of Target

Work will begin after the holiday season on the demolition of the mall structure between Macy's and Target. Both stores will remain open during demolition and construction. This last phase of demolition should be completed in March and construction of the

new downtown – with shopping, housing, offices and movie theaters – can begin shortly thereafter. For more information, visit the City's Downtown Redevelopment Web site at downtown.inSunnyvale.com, the Forum Development Group Web site at www.sunnyvaletowncenter.com, or call the City's hotline at (408) 737-4900. ☎

SUNNYVALE AGAIN NAMED FIFTH-SAFEST CITY

The City of Sunnyvale has continued its record as one of the safest cities in America. The twelfth annual Morgan Quitno Safest Cities in America awards, announced Monday November 21, once again places Sunnyvale as the fifth-safest city in

America in its population group, 100,000 - 499,999. This is the tenth consecutive year in which Sunnyvale has been listed within the top ten cities.

The annual awards rank 369 cities across the nation and are based on the FBI's 2005 crime report, which reflects data from 2004.

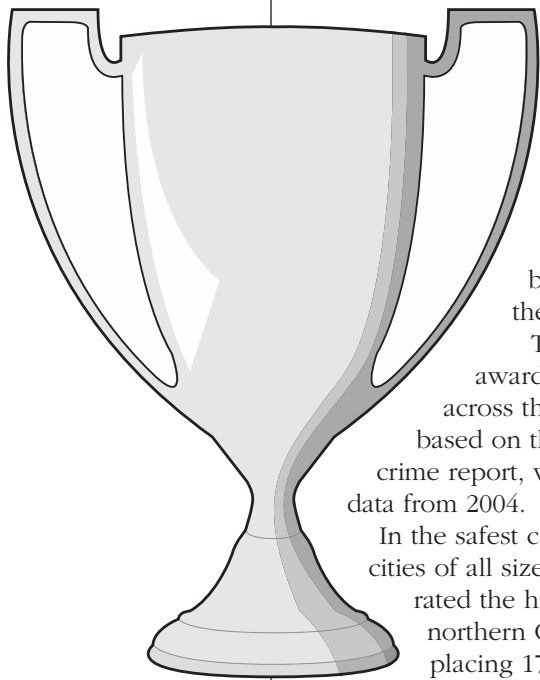
In the safest city rankings for cities of all sizes, Sunnyvale rated the highest of any northern California city, placing 17th, a slight

improvement over last year's rating. Four Southern California cities joined Sunnyvale in the top-20 listing for safest cities of all sizes.

"Sunnyvale has been able to maintain our great history of being one of the safest cities in California and America because of the efforts of our Department of Public Safety, all City employees and the members of our community," said Mayor Dean J. Chu. "The City and our residents have formed a partnership in which

every one of us has a sense of pride and ownership in the quality of our life. Our many neighborhood associations have been key to helping maintain both that quality of life as well as the safety of our community."

Since 1996, Sunnyvale has never placed below fifth in its population class, and through the last eight years has always been ranked as one of the top 20 safest cities of all sizes, usually placing within the top 10. ☎



SUNNYVALE BALLOT MEASURES PASS

Four of five measures placed on the November 8 ballot by the City of Sunnyvale have passed. Measures D and E will increase the City's Business License Tax and Transient Occupancy (hotel) taxes, while measures F and H approved changes to the City's charter. Measure G, which would have amended the City Charter to follow state law by eliminating a residency requirement for the city manager, failed.

Passage of the two tax increases will, over time, return a projected \$1.4 million in additional annual revenues to the City, providing a significant offset to the \$1.75 million budget imbalance.

NEW MAYOR, VICE MAYOR SELECTED

NEW COUNCILMEMBERS SEATED

The Sunnyvale City Council has selected Ron Swegles as the fifty-sixth Mayor of Sunnyvale. Otto Lee was designated by the Council to serve as Vice Mayor. They took office following a ceremonial swearing-in at the Council's November 29 meeting.

In addition to the new Mayor and Vice Mayor, Council welcomed two new members to its ranks, swore in a returning colleague and bid farewell to two Councilmembers who had served for eight years. New Councilmembers Anthony (Tony) Spitaleri (Seat 1) and Christopher R. Moylan (Seat 2) were sworn in at the meeting, replacing Councilmembers Fred Fowler and Julia Miller, each of whom had served two four-year terms. Councilmember John Howe, who was elected to a second four-year term in November, was also sworn in.

Following the transition, the

Council is now arranged as follows:

- Mayor Ron Swegles (Seat 6)
- Vice Mayor Otto Lee (Seat 5)
- Councilmember John Howe (Seat 3)
- Councilmember Dean Chu (Seat 4)
- Melinda Hamilton (Seat 7)
- Anthony (Tony) Spitaleri (Seat 1)
- Christopher R. Moylan (Seat 2)

The Council is composed of seven Councilmembers elected at large for up to two four-year terms. The mayor and vice mayor are selected from among the ranks of the Council and serve one-year terms. The Council meets most Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in Sunnyvale City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave. ☎



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FIVE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WILL SERVE ON CITY'S FIRST ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Five members of the Sunnyvale community – Teri Adams, Tony Maranon, Corinne McCourt, James Rea and Jeanne Yeager – have agreed to serve on the City's first Advisory Committee on Accessibility (ACA). This new committee will advise City staff on accessibility issues related to City services, programs and facilities.

The committee will identify accessibility issues, provide information on the changing needs of persons with disabilities in accessing City programs and services, help evaluate the effectiveness of City policies, services, programs and facilities related to accessibility, serve as a resource on accessibility matters, and review new facilities or major renovation of City-owned public facilities.

Working with staff, the committee will evaluate its role at the end of its first year of operations. ACA committee members serve for a term of two years. For more information, contact Coryn Campbell, Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, at ccampbell@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us or (408) 730-7475, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☎

SPRING INTO CITYSKILLS THIS APRIL

LEARN ABOUT CITY GOVERNMENT AND ACQUIRE USEFUL LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Want to learn more about your city, how it works and how to get involved? Then check out CitySkills.

Offered through a partnership between the City of Sunnyvale and Silicon Valley Leadership, CitySkills is a fun, inexpensive way for Sunnyvale community members to get their feet wet in civic involvement and leadership with a relatively small time commitment.

Applications are now available for the April 2006 program. The program consists of four two-hour sessions over the course of five consecutive weeks and costs just \$15.

The CitySkills schedule includes the following topics: Goal Setting, City Services and Government Structure, How Sunnyvale is Managed, Presenting Your Views to Government, City Budgeting, Impacting City Decisions, Sunnyvale's "Hot" Issues, and Conflict Resolution.

Programs are held twice a year, in the spring and fall. To download an application, or for more information about CitySkills, visit CitySkills.inSunnyvale.com, or

contact Michelle Bromstead, community outreach coordinator, at (408) 730-7472, TDD (408) 730-7501 or mbromstead@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. ☎



See it on KSUN-15

City Council Meetings

Live, Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and again at 12:01 and 7 p.m. Wednesdays and 4 p.m. Sundays.

Planning Commission Meetings

Live, second and fourth Mondays at 8 p.m. and again at 8 p.m. Thursdays and 11 a.m. Sundays.

EARLY REGISTRATION AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Recreation Division is adding new summer programs in 2006, including a Lego Engineering Camp and day trips to places like the Children's Discovery Museum and Raging Waters. Program descriptions will be available in the next activity guide. Mail in registration begins February 3rd. Call (408) 730-7350 for more information.

**For All City Services, TDD Access
(408) 730-7501**

EVENING OF CULTURAL ARTS ENTERS 15TH SEASON

The City of Sunnyvale has announced the lineup for its 15th annual Evening of Cultural Arts Series. This series offers an eclectic selection of artists performing at the intimate Sunnyvale Theatre, located at the Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive.

With eight culturally and musically diverse programs, the upcoming season promises audiences more variety than ever before. The mix includes cabaret classics, holiday jazz, Celtic harp, traditional songs of Eastern Europe and more.

January 14: Modern-day Bard Patrick Ball

Celtic harper and storyteller Patrick Ball, a perennial favorite with Sunnyvale audiences, makes his 15th consecutive annual appearance. Ball is a true bard, deftly weaving myths and legends of Ireland with entrancing music.

February 4: “Old-Timey” Music

The Crooked Jades turn back the calendar more than one hundred years, performing “old-timey” music that was the precursor to today’s country and bluegrass. The San Francisco-based string band, comprised of Jeff Kazor, Jennie Benford, Adam Tanner, Erik Pearson and Megan Adie, is committed to reviving the sounds of the pre-radio era, a time when folks would gather on a front porch with an eclectic assortment of instruments to make music together.

March 18: Weaving the East and West into Story

Eth-Noh-Tec, the Asian-American storytelling duo of Robert Kikuchi-Yngojo and Nancy Wang, brings its acclaimed theater piece, Takashi’s Dream and other tales to Sunnyvale Theatre March 18, 2006. Takashi’s Dream is based on the true and inspiring journey of an atom bomb survivor from hatred and revenge to a place of forgiveness and reconciliation.

April 8: Harmonies of Eastern Europe

Often requested by Sunnyvale Theatre audiences, the all-female choral group Kitka finally makes its debut in April. The eight-member ensemble, whose name means ‘bouquet’ in Bulgarian, specializes in centuries old Balkan and Slavic singing techniques, and is considered by many to be the foremost interpreter of East European music performing in the United States.

May 27: Nijinsky “Tour de Force”

The season concludes with the critically acclaimed one-man show, Nijinsky Speaks, based on the life of Russian ballet dancer Vaslav Nijinsky, who scandalized the dance world in the early 1900s with his revolutionary choreography, such as “Afternoon of a Faun” and “Rite of Spring”. Nijinsky

Speaks was written and is performed by actor-dancer Leonard Crofoot, a Broadway and Hollywood veteran. The New York Times called Nijinsky Speaks a “tour de force,” and the Los Angeles Times called Crofoot’s portrayal “artful and intelligent.”

All Evenings of Cultural Arts programs are Saturdays at 8 p.m. Tickets are now on sale for all shows. Individual tickets are \$25 for general admission and \$20 for students and seniors with ID. Season ticket packages start at \$80; group

sales discounts are also available. To request more information, call the Sunnyvale Theatre at (408) 730-7725 TDD (408) 730-7501.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Sunnyvale will make reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities. If you require special accommodations, please call (408) 733-6611, TDD (408) 730-7501, at least five days in advance of the program or activity. For fee waiver assistance, call (408) 738-4321. ♻️

UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL

Universal preschool is a concept that endorses free, voluntary, high-quality preschool for all four-year-olds for three hours per day, regardless of family income. The City of Sunnyvale is taking a proactive approach to universal preschool issues in advance of pending legislation. High-quality preschool programs have been shown to have a significant positive impact on a child’s brain development, school readiness and long-term academic success. The City will be working with local community colleges to help prepare licensed child care providers in the community meet professional development standards that may be required if universal preschool legislation passes.

Benefits from high-quality preschool are documented in widely accepted longitudinal research studies that show high-quality preschool increases a child’s chances of succeeding in school by reducing the likelihood of being held back a grade and needing special education, increasing high school graduation rates and increasing standardized test scores.

The Sunnyvale City Council has taken a proactive approach towards addressing the education requirements in pending universal

preschool legislation. The City is assisting DeAnza and Mission Colleges with locating market-rate classroom space to offer child development classes in Sunnyvale, with the goal of making these classes more accessible to Sunnyvale child care providers. The City is also working to locate sites for DeAnza students enrolled in child development and early education classes to complete required practicum work, where they are closely supervised and provided with opportunities to develop their teaching skills

The City will also advocate for universal preschool legislation and will work with FIRST 5 Santa Clara County, the agency that administers Proposition 10 (tobacco tax) funds to implement their universal preschool master plan. FIRST 5 Santa Clara County is working to implement universal preschool in the County, and may be piloting programs in San Jose and Mountain View as early as June 2006.

For more information about the City’s involvement in universal preschool, or about the City’s Child Care Resources program, please contact Kristen Nigriny, child care manager at (408) 730-7532, TDD (408) 730-7501, or by e-mail at knigriny@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. ♻️



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

ADULT PROGRAMS AND CLASSES

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Julie Otsuka
Friday, February 3, 2 p.m.

The author of *When the Emperor Was Divine* will read and answer questions on this 2004 novel depicting life in a Japanese internment camp during World War II, mainly from a child’s point of view. The novel is one of this year’s Silicon Valley Reads choices.

Social Security Benefits Explained
Wednesday, February 8, 7 p.m.

Includes an overview of Social Security, an explanation of how to qualify for benefits, and a question and answer period following the presentation.

LITERATURE PROGRAMS

Book Chat
January 11, February 8, March 8

The second Wednesday of every month, gather in the Library Program Room at noon to hear a book chat highlighting good reads and hidden treasures. Feel free to bring a lunch. All are welcome.

Read-Along Shakespeare
January 2, February 6, March 6

Gather in the Library Program Room at 7 p.m. with other fans of Shakespeare to read his works and gain new appreciation of these timeless masterpieces. All are welcome.

January 2, 7 p.m.: Twelfth Night
February 6, 7 p.m.: King John
March 6, 7 p.m.: Taming of the Shrew

Monthly Book Group
January 19, February 16, March 16

The third Thursday of every month, enjoy the fellowship of readers as you share impressions of books selected by the group, discovering new viewpoints and deepening your reading experience. The group meets at 7 p.m. in the Program Room. All are welcome.

January 19, 7 p.m.: *Gilead*, by Marilynne Robinson. In 1956, a Kansas preacher reflects on his life as he lies dying, telling a story about fathers and sons, visions of God, and the bloody politics of abolition.

February 16, 7 p.m.: *When the Emperor Was Divine*, by Julie Otsuka. A quietly disturbing novel exploring the inner lives of a Japanese-American family interned during World War II. This novel is one of the Silicon Valley Reads choices for 2006.

March 16, 7 p.m.: *Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies*, by Jared Diamond. This award-winning book argues that geographical and environmental factors shaped the modern world, stunningly dismantling racially based theories of human history.

CLASSES
Adult classes at the Library are a great way to get a free introduction to the Library and its resources, including how to use computers and the Internet. Each class lasts one session, and meets in the Library Program Room.

No registration required except for the Computer Comfort class.

Computer Comfort
January 10, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
February 1, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
March 1, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

A presentation designed for new or first-time computer users, with an opportunity for hands-on practice. Learn about computers in a relaxed, stress-free setting. This part lecture, part hands-on program lasts two hours. Registration starts two weeks prior to class date.

Introduction to the World Wide Web
January 31, 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Get the basics you'll need to start your journey on the Information Superhighway. Topics include Internet terminology, hardware and software to connect to the Internet, Internet service providers, e-mail, great places to start your search, and more. Designed for those with little or no experience using the Web.

A special class for Sunnyvale Senior Center members only will be held the same day, from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m., at the Senior Center.

Free Databases @ Your Library
March 23, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Some of the Library’s most valuable and up-to-date resources are online. Learn how to get free access to millions of Web-based magazine and newspaper articles, thousands of eBooks, detailed company directories, in-depth information on health, business, controversial issues and more. This class describes how to access many of these informative resources from your home or office.

Extreme Googling
February 15, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Learn how to get the most out of Google and improve searching efficiency. You will learn why word order is important, how Google “thinks”, and how to limit and combine terms.

Genealogy Databases
January 26, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Learn about two of the Library’s newest databases, Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest Online. The course will cover content, basic searching, and viewing and printing techniques.

Learn About the Library
March 1, 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Find out how to locate what you want in the Library, where to ask for help and what services the Library offers. This is a one-hour class followed by a short tour of the Library.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS AND CLASSES

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Visit www.sunnyvalelibrary.org or call (408) 730-7300 for dates and times.

- *Cuentos en Español:* For children 3 and up and their families.
- Family Storytime: For children of all ages and their families.
- Mother Goose for Pre-walkers: For infants from birth until walking.
- Mother Goose for Walkers: For children beginning to walk through age 2.
- Night Owl Storytime: For children 3 to 8 and their families.
- Introduction to Music: A special session of Preschool Storytime featuring songs, stories and rhythm instruments. For children ages 3 to 5 able to participate without a parent or caregiver. Registration begins January 7.
- Time for Tales: For children 3 to 5.
- Evening Toddler Storytime: For children 2 to 3½.
- Morning Toddler Storytime: For children 2 to 3½.
- Stories in Russian: For children of all ages and their families.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Stories and songs in Russian and English
Presented by Anna Reznick and Elzavieta Nord
Saturday, January 21, 2 p.m.
For children 3 and older and their families

Puppets on Parade!
Library puppeteers will present puppet plays from favorite children’s stories.
Saturday, February 4, 2 p.m.
For children 3 and older and their families

Stories in Motion
Presented by mime Elaine Muray
Saturday, March 4, 2 p.m.
For children 3 and older and their families

Welcome spring with the traditional Persian celebration of Norouz
Thursday, March 9, 7 p.m.
For children 3 and older and their families

17th Annual Storytelling Festival
Saturday, March 18, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
For children in kindergarten and up, plus adults

Every Child Ready to Read
Parents, caregivers and preschool teachers are invited to attend a series of free workshops which will demonstrate ways that you can help your preschool child acquire the skills he or she needs to be ready to learn to read and write when formal schooling begins. Each workshop will be presented in the Program Room of the Sunnyvale Public Library. Call (408) 730-7292 for more information.

Tuesday, February 14, 7 p.m.
• Early Literacy for Newborns to 2-Year Olds
Tuesday, February 28, 7 p.m.
• Early Literacy for Talkers: 2- and 3-Year Olds

[see Library Programs, page 15](#)

NEW AND OLD IN CHILDREN’S SERVICES PROGRAMMING AT THE LIBRARY

Watch for some new Library programs for children and families this winter, as well as the return of some old favorites. The Library’s Children’s Services staff is organizing the 17th annual Storytelling Festival, to be held March 18 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Library Program Room. About 20 storytellers will share favorite stories with an audience of children and adults. Come for a story or two, or stay all afternoon. This year, Librarian Beth Nord is putting a new spin on Preschool Storytime. For many years, 3- to 5-year-olds have taken part in this 6-week session of stories and finger plays, which they attend without a parent or caregiver. Now, Preschool Storytime will also focus on music and will include rhythm activities, singing and books from songs. Recent research has shown that the ability to respond physically to a musical beat is closely linked to children’s skills in reading, writing and concentration, and we hope to give the children in attendance an extra boost toward literacy. Registration begins January 7 and continues until the group is full. Last year Children’s Services staff offered our first parent workshops on early literacy. This January and February, three of the workshops will be repeated. These workshops will inform parents, preschool teachers and caregivers of their vital roles in building early literacy skills in the children in their care, so that the children will be ready to learn to read and write when they begin formal schooling. To address Sunnyvale’s cultural diversity, new family storytimes are being offered in Spanish and in Russian. In addition, we will celebrate the Persian holiday *Norouz*, to welcome the arrival of spring, Thursday, March 9, at 7 pm. For more information about any of these new programs or our continuing offerings, check the Library’s Web site at www.sunnyvalelibrary.org, or call (408) 730-7292.

READING IN SUNNYVALE AND IN SILICON VALLEY

In this age of information technology, it's easy to think that nobody reads books any more. However, when fiscal year 2004/05 ended in June 2005, Sunnyvale Public Library had checked out more than 1.8 million items to more than 88,000 people. Judging from these figures, reading and research are alive and well in this community.

Soon, the Sunnyvale community will be able to take reading to an even higher level. For the past three years, the San Jose Public Library Foundation, the Santa Clara County Office of Education and the Santa Clara County Library have hosted a reading campaign called Silicon Valley Reads. The group's advisory board is composed of people from these organizations and from various walks of life. They select a book each year in the hope that people throughout Silicon Valley will read the book at the same time, discuss

it and grow closer as a result. A number of author visits and related programs are presented at local libraries, bookstores and other venues.

This year, readers can have twice the challenge and reward of reading and discussing great books. The Silicon Valley Reads Advisory Board has two books to recommend for the 2006 reading campaign. Based on experiences from a previous era, *The Souvenir: A Daughter Discovers Her Father's War* by Louise Steinman, and *When the Emperor Was Divine* by Julie Otsuka, both deal with the effects of war on families – a timely and sobering topic.

The Sunnyvale Public Library would like to encourage Library users and community members to join in the upcoming reading campaign. If you have ever read a great book that you have shared with others, you know the joy of finding a kindred spirit and the power of understanding someone

else's perspective. Reading is certainly a worthwhile activity on its own, but reading together reaps even more benefits, with neighbors and community members exploring the underlying ideas, sentiments and experiences represented in a book and relating them to their own lives.

Consider joining the Sunnyvale Public Library's book discussion group or form a reading club of your own to discuss these inspiring titles. For those who would like to borrow the books from the Library, there will be several copies of each title. Start reading early so that you'll be ready for a variety of opportunities to discuss these two books. Author Julie Otsuka will be at the Sunnyvale Public Library on Friday, February 3, at 2 p.m. to discuss *When the Emperor was Divine*. We hope you will join us for this event and that this will be the beginning of many more good books we will read together. ☼

SUNNYVALE FLEET MECHANIC TRACKS STOLEN TRUCK

Jason Henshaw has been a fleet mechanic for the City of Sunnyvale for seven years. Among his routine duties, Henshaw takes care of many of the Department of Public Safety's (DPS) patrol cars. It was exactly this routine work that recently led to some rather non-routine adventures.

On October 25, Henshaw was working on a patrol car with severe overheating problems. He had removed the car's two-way radio and dispatch computer and was in the process of moving the car when he heard a "beep."

"At first I didn't think anything about the noise," Henshaw explained, "because the LoJack display always beeps when the car's ignition key is first turned on." LoJack is a stolen-vehicle detection system that alerts a police car when it is near a LoJack-equipped vehicle that has been reported stolen. The display in the patrol car beeps to alert the public safety officer, displays a code to identify the stolen vehicle and displays an arrow pointing toward the stolen vehicle.

"When I looked up at the LoJack display in the car," Henshaw continued, "I saw it was actually

displaying a stolen vehicle code – it definitely had hit on a signal."

Henshaw had just left the City's corporation yard. After driving a few more minutes and following the directions on the LoJack display, he could see the radio signal was getting stronger. At that point, he used his cell phone to notify DPS dispatchers that he thought he was close to a stolen vehicle.

Sunnyvale public safety officers responded to Henshaw's location and used the patrol car's LoJack receiver to home in on the signal. They very quickly found a construction truck that had been stolen only four hours earlier. Officers recovered the truck and were able to return it to the rightful owner without any loss or damage.

DPS Deputy Chief Mark Stivers, who awarded Henshaw a certificate of recognition for his efforts, was quick to point out that while he was pleased with Henshaw's handling of the situation, he wasn't surprised. "Everyone who works for the City is part of the same team," said Stivers. "We are all working toward the same goal: a safe City in which we all can be proud to live and work. Henshaw's reaction was typical of our City staff."

And what does Henshaw think of all the attention? "I was just concerned that the patrol car would break down before we found the truck," he said. "The overheating problem that brought that car into the shop in the first place was pretty severe, and it was getting pretty hot while we tracked down the signal." ☼



Photo: John Pilger

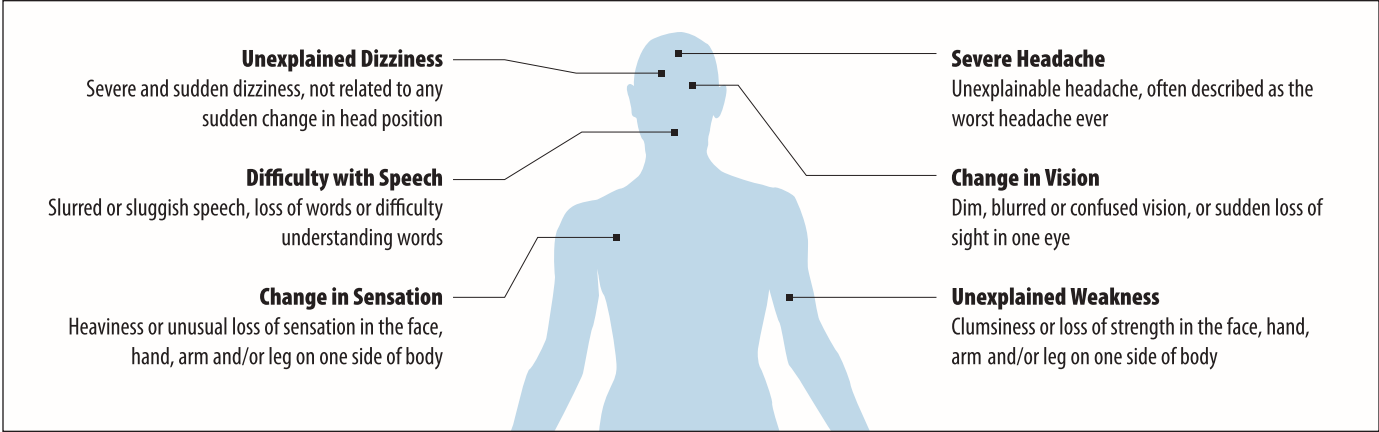
Jason Henshaw, a Sunnyvale fleet mechanic, works on a DPS patrol car.

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS TRAINED IN STROKE RECOGNITION AND TREATMENT

Recognition and treatment of stroke emergencies is vitally important to both the public and Sunnyvale's emergency services personnel. The faster a patient is recognized as having the signs and symptoms of a stroke, the more quickly they can receive appropriate care, which

can lead to lessening the severity of the event. The City has received grant funding from the National Stroke Association's (NSA) Stroke Rapid Response Training Program, and has begun training Department of Public Safety (DPS) officers to recognize and treat victims of stroke. All officers in the department are

scheduled to be trained by January. Capitalizing on recent advances in the understanding and treatment of stroke, Santa Clara County has become the leader in the nation in accredited stroke center hospitals. Stanford University Medical Center, Good Samaritan Hospital, Kaiser Santa Clara and Kaiser Santa Teresa are now accredited and designated as stroke centers, and five other hospitals are nearing accreditation as well, which would bring the county-wide total to nine. Currently there are just 12 stroke centers statewide. In conjunction with the DPS training, the Peninsula Stroke Association (PSA) www.psastroke.org is working to raise public awareness of the signs and symptoms of stroke. If you experience two or more of these warning signs or symptoms, you need to seek immediate help. 📞



SENIOR TRIPS

Coyote Point
Tuesday, February 7, 9:15 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Coyote Point features live animals, gardens, hands-on activities and dioramas, offering an exciting introduction to Bay Area ecology and environmental issues. After the museum, enjoy a wonderful lunch at Dominic's restaurant located on the Poplar Creek Golf Course, with a spectacular view of the 18th green and waterfall. A fabulous full luncheon buffet, including coffee, tea and gelato, is included. After lunch, a docent-led tour of Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA will provide a behind-the-scenes view of how domestic and wild animals come to the center and what services are offered. Dress in layers and wear comfortable shoes for a fair amount of walking and standing. Price of the trip includes motor coach transportation, admission, tours and lunch.
TRIP #: 060207.A01TIME
COST: \$60

Orchid Exposition (Steppin' Out Express)
Friday, February 17, 8:45 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Visit the 54th Pacific Orchid Exposition at Fort Mason Center in San Francisco. Orchids will be showcased and sold at the Expo. See more than 100,000 orchids in every color, shape and size. Lunch will be on your own at the Expo. Dress in layers and wear comfortable shoes for a lot of walking on this trip. Price of the trip includes motor coach transportation and admission to the Expo.
TRIP #: 060217.A01TIME
COST: \$45

Presidio and Nike Missile Tour
Thursday, February 23, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Our favorite step-on guide, Jay Archibald, has organized this fascinating trip. Tour the Presidio with a ranger, who will talk about changes to this landmark. Lunch will be at the Presidio Golf Course restaurant. Menu choices include pan roasted salmon, half-pound cheeseburger, club sandwich on sour dough bread, chicken Caesar salad or grilled chicken sandwich on roll. After lunch, the group will head to the Marin Headlands and begin a tour of the only fully-restored Nike missile site in the U.S. (minus fuel and warhead). Weather permitting, you'll have a fantastic view of the city and the Golden Gate Bridge. Bring a jacket and wear comfortable shoes for a lot of walking on this tour. Price of the trip includes motor coach transportation, lunch and tours.
TRIP #: 060223.A01TIME
COST: \$69

Golf Anyone?
Thursday, March 2, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Whether you already know how to play golf or are a first timer, this will be a fun and educational trip. First, visit the Sunken Gardens Golf Course where you'll get a group lesson and hit some balls at the driving range. Then you're off to the Sunnyvale Golf Course for lunch at the Lookout restaurant. Meal choices include grilled salmon with lemon capers or tri-tip with mushrooms. After lunch you'll tour the pro shop and learn about senior discounts. Dress in layers and wear comfortable shoes for a little walking on this tour. Price of the trip includes VTA bus transportation, lesson and lunch.
TRIP #: 060302.A01TIME
COST: \$35

EXTENDED TRIPS
Pageant of the Masters
Tuesday, July 25 – Saturday, July 29
Join us for our fabulous Pageant of the Masters trip. Highlights of this trip include:
■ A ferry ride to Catalina Island
■ Two nights at the Pavilion Lodge on Catalina Island
■ Island tour
■ Glass-bottom-boat tour
■ Two nights at Dana Point Marina Inn
■ Tour of the Walt Disney Concert Hall
■ Dinner show of jousting competition at Medieval Times
■ Time to shop and browse at the Sawdust Art Festival and the Laguna Arts Festival
■ The spectacular Pageant of the Masters where characters from famous masterpieces are portrayed live before your eyes in an open air amphitheater under the stars, all accompanied by a full orchestra
■ Visit to the Nethercutt Museum with prize-winning automobiles, mechanical musical instruments and antique furniture
■ Lunch at Madonna Inn on the way down, and at Harris Ranch on the way back.
■ Price includes round-trip motor coach transportation, first-class hotels, four continental breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners and all entrance fees.
Price per person: \$1,135 double occupancy, \$1,545 single occupancy. Deposit is \$150 per person with final payment due May 25. Please join us Tuesday, March 7 at 11 a.m. in the Senior Center Laurel Room for a slide show about this trip. 📞

FOUR EASY STEPS TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH SUNNYVALE

Step 1 Community E-News

Now you can have important, up-to-date information about special events, community meetings and new services delivered right to your electronic mailbox. Simply subscribe to Sunnyvale's Community E-News e-mail list to receive the monthly updates. To get on the list, simply e-mail mbromstead@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us, or call (408) 730-7472, TDD (408) 730-7501.

Step 2 Community Line: (408) 730-7515

It's 5 p.m., and that community event you wanted to attend is scheduled for tonight. So whom do you call? The Community Line, of course. Updated regularly, the Community Line is a recorded list of community meetings and events. Want to leave feedback to City staff? You can do that too on the Community Line. Messages are checked daily by staff to ensure a prompt response. You can also

check on upcoming meetings and events online at Events.inSunnyvale.com.

Step 3 Community Events Calendar

Not only can you see listings of upcoming events and meetings on the City's Web site at Events.inSunnyvale.com but you may be able to get your event listed as well. Nonprofit organizations may submit their events that are open to the public for inclusion in the Community Events Calendar. E-mail the event information to mzabraie@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us as far in advance of the event as possible.

Step 4 Community Liaison Office

Confused by where to start an inquiry at City Hall? Not sure who can provide the information you need? The Community Liaison Office is dedicated to assisting you. Continuing Sunnyvale's commitment to a very high level of customer

service, the Community Liaison Office can help get answers to your concerns. Exactly what does the Community Liaison Office do? Among other services, they:

- Link community members to City services;
- Address residents' questions, concerns and complaints;
- Help address issues and evaluate options;
- Answer questions directly, or find the staff member who can;
- Facilitate collaboration between City departments to address issues; and
- Advise community members on the steps to be taken to address concerns on their own, whenever possible.

The Community Liaison Office can be reached at (408) 730-7472, TDD (408) 730-7501, by e-mail to mbromstead@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us or stop by in person at the City Hall South Annex, 603 All America Way. ☼

2006 RISING STAR BREAKFAST

The City of Sunnyvale Economic Development program will be recognizing its Rising Stars for 2005 on Thursday, February 2. The Rising Stars are businesses and organizations recognized by the following:

- *Silicon Valley Business Journal* – Fastest-Growing Private Companies
- *HR Magazine* – 25 Best Medium Companies to Work for in America
- *Fortune Magazine* – 100 Fastest Growing Companies in the U.S.

- Deloitte & Touche Fast 500 – Technology Fast 50
 - Deloitte & Touche – 2005 Silicon Valley Rising Star Award
- The keynote speaker will be Phil Mahoney, Executive Vice President of Cornish & Carey in Silicon Valley. The event will take place at the

Sheraton Sunnyvale from 7:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. The cost per person is \$25.

Please contact Economic Development for more information, or R.S.V.P. to (408) 730-7607, or e-mail econdev@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. R.S.V.P. deadline is Wednesday, January 18. ☼

COLD WEATHER SHELTER

A shelter is now open at the National Guard Armory, 620 E. Maude Ave. The shelter will be open from 6 p.m. – 6 a.m. every day through the end of March. Sleeping accommodations, dinner, breakfast and medical care provided by EHC LifeBuilders.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON TREE PRESERVATION

The City of Sunnyvale will hold two public hearings on the issue of updating the City's ordinance on tree preservation. A Planning Commission hearing is scheduled for 8 p.m., Monday, March 13 and a City Council hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 4. Both hearings will be held at Sunnyvale City Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave. A community meeting with city staff will also be held prior to the public hearings listed above.

A staff report will be available Friday, March 10 at City Hall, the Sunnyvale Public Library and online at www.sunnyvale.ca.gov. For more

information about the community meeting or public hearings, or if you are interested in providing feedback

concerning this study issue, contact Steve Lynch at (408) 730-2723 or e-mail slynch@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. ☼



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

CITY OF SUNNYVALE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN EARLY EDUCATION

Sunnyvale's Child Care Resources Office is pleased to announce a call for nominations for the City's Award for Excellence in Early Education. This high-profile award program, which is in its second year, recognizes high-quality early educators in the Sunnyvale community. Highlighting the crucial role early child care

providers play in a child's social, physical, emotional and intellectual well-being, the award recognizes those who provide an early-education environment that enriches the lives of young children and their families.

Nominations are sought from parents and others who have first-hand experience with the nominee's commitment to providing high quality early learning experiences for young children. To be eligible for the award, nominees must have a minimum of two years' experience as a child care director, teacher or family child care provider in a licensed child care setting. Award recipients will receive a certificate signed by the mayor and the City's Child Care Advisory Board (CCAB). Recipients will also be announced at the City's Health & Safety Fair, Saturday, May 6.

Due to the wide variety of applications received last year, the CCAB expanded the applicant categories this year from three to six. The categories are:

- Infant Child Care Center (new this year)

- Preschool/Child Care Center (preschool-age)
- School-age Child Care Center (new this year)
- Family Child Care Provider
- Child Care Center or Preschool Director (new this year)
- Child Care or Preschool Teacher

Each nominee will be evaluated in a number of areas based on National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) criteria, including how well the nominee displays knowledge of curriculum development, child development, respecting cultural differences and the importance of parental involvement in early education. Applications must be received by March 15. Applications are reviewed and awardees are selected by the CCAB.

For information about the award, and to download an application, visit www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/communityresources, click on *Child Care Resources*, then *Award Nomination Forms*. To view a list of last year's recipients, click on *2005 Award Recipients*. For additional information, please call (408) 730-7608, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☎

RIGHT from the START Workshops

Parents Helping Parents, a local non-profit organization that assists families of children with special needs, has announced a new season of RIGHT from the START, a series of free skill-building workshops for parents, guardians and caregivers of children through age five with special needs. The series is scheduled for six consecutive Tuesdays, March 21 – April 25, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Columbia Middle School, 785 Morse Ave. This new series will be presented entirely in Spanish and will focus on topics regarding the health and welfare of the young child with special needs, his or her caregivers and the professionals who serve them. Parents do not have to have a diagnosis for their child in order to attend. The series is funded by FIRST 5 Santa Clara County. You may register for any or all workshops. For topic details and registration, visit www.php.com and click on *RIGHT from the START*, or call (408) 727-5775.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: INVESTING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Nearly 65 million people Americans volunteered in 2004, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. These volunteers contributed an average of 52 hours a year in service - one hour a week. While that may not seem like much, a few volunteer hours here and there add up to a significant investment in the well-being of our community.

In addition to many volunteer opportunities in Sunnyvale's City departments, there are countless rewarding ways to invest your service hours in the community.

Here are just a few examples:

- Literacy tutors with Project ATLAS, part of Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult Community Education, help students master the reading, writing and math skills that will move them toward a successful future.
- Meals on Wheels volunteers deliver hot, nutritious meals to elderly, homebound, disabled, frail or at-risk residents, keeping them independent and healthier in their own homes.
- The Foster Grandparent Program pairs seniors over age 60 with

children at a local school where they have the opportunity to give love and attention to children with special needs in our community.

- Midpeninsula Regional Open Space volunteers protect and restore critical natural resources serving as nature center hosts, education leaders and trail patrol volunteers.
- The Health Library at El Camino Hospital educates and informs the public about hospital services at community events and outreach seminars.
- Our Daily Bread serves meals on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Sunnyvale to anyone who is hungry, and is staffed almost entirely by volunteers.

For complete information on these and other volunteer opportunities, visit volunteering.inSunnyvale.com, or call the Volunteer Office at (408) 730-7533, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☎

EARNED INCOME AND CHILD TAX CREDITS

April 15 will be here before you know it. Do you qualify to receive the Earned Income Credit (EIC) or Child Tax Credit (CTC)? Hundreds of thousands of dollars go unclaimed each year by taxpayers who qualify for, but do not claim, these special tax credits.

EIC is a refundable credit for low-income working individuals and families. Income and family size determine the amount of the EIC. When the EIC exceeds the amount of taxes owed, it results in a tax refund to those who qualify for and claim the credit. The EIC can be used to put food on the table, move into better housing, invest in education, pay for transportation or save for the future.

CTC is for people who earned more than \$10,750 in 2005, and can claim a child under age 17 as a dependent. These individuals may be eligible for a CTC of up to \$1,000 for each child. Many workers may receive both tax credits, including individuals who are not U.S. citizens. Visit www.irs.gov or call (800) 829-1040 to see if you, or someone you know, qualifies for these special tax credits.

**FOR ALL
CITY SERVICES,
TDD ACCESS
(408) 730-7501**

HYBRIDS THE LATEST RAGE

AS FUEL COSTS CLIMB, THEY MAKE SENSE

Shopping Sunnyvale is important to our City. Your purchases help our budget, enabling the City to continue to provide a high level of service to the community. Making your next car purchase in Sunnyvale is a way you can get a great new or used car and help the City at the same time.

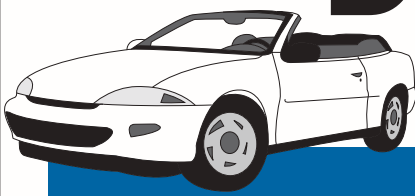
Escalating fuel costs and long commutes don't make for a good quality of life. With 25 percent of Bay Area commuters trekking through round-trip commutes of 40 miles or longer every day, gas costs are driving many commuters to public transportation and alternative-fuel vehicles.

Hybrids, cars and light trucks that use both a conventional engine and an electric motor which runs off

batteries, can lower a driver's fuel costs dramatically.

Chevrolet, Ford, Honda and Toyota are among the major manufacturers of hybrid vehicles, ranging from passenger cars to SUVs and pickup trucks.

Sunnyvale's auto dealers have a broad assortment of hybrid vehicles, and business has been brisk. As fuel costs stay at high levels, and as an ever-wider variety of hybrids are introduced into the marketplace, the demand keeps increasing. Some of the Sunnyvale dealers who handle hybrids report they are selling more hybrids than most other dealers. Clearly the hybrid, in all its forms, is a good match for the public's needs and in the tech-savvy Silicon Valley, drivers have been flocking to the hybrids. ☼



Did You Know?

Car sales contribute **\$3.1 million** each year to Sunnyvale's budget. That could pay **one-third** of the construction costs for the **Sunnyvale Senior Center**.

FREE HEALTH PRESENTATIONS AT CITY HALL

The Community Health and Wellness Lecture Series is offered through a partnership between the City of Sunnyvale and El Camino Hospital. Presentations will be held 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. in the Sunnyvale City Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave. Seating is limited; call (800) 216-5556 to reserve a seat.



February 1 A Healthy Heart is a Happy Heart!

Whether you are at risk for heart disease and need some help in preventing problems, or you have a serious condition that requires the latest technologies, El Camino Hospital's heart and vascular program can help you right here in your own community. Hear about prevention, diagnosis and advanced surgeries.

March 1 Ugly, Painful Veins? Learn Your Options to Better Looking Legs!

Varicose veins are swollen, twisted, blue veins close to the skin surface. They are common and not only affect one's appearance, but can result in pain, swelling, dermatitis and ulceration. These may be severe enough to curtail or limit one's work and lifestyle.

April 5 Equally Tragic – and Equally Hopeful – Stroke is a Preventable Disease

A stroke can be prevented if you take control of your risk factors.

Stroke affects the arteries leading to and within the brain. Come learn about its prevention, detection and treatment.

May 3 Having an Advance Health Care Directive Means LOVE!

Do your loved ones know your preferences for medical care if you are unable to express your wishes? An Advance Health Care Directive will inform your caregivers of your preferences.

Betsy Carpenter has spoken at hundreds of venues to inform the public on the ins and outs of crafting your directive. Please join us to learn more about this important topic. ☼

FREE 'FOR YOUR HEALTH' COMMUNITY LECTURES

Presented by Camino Medical Group

Fourth Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Sunnyvale City Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

January 25

Nutrition and Diet: Learn the Facts from the Fads

February 22

Be Smart with Your Heart: Understanding Cardiovascular Disease

March 22

Arthritis and You

The programs are led by Camino Medical Group physicians, and are broadcast at a later date on KSUN-15, Sunnyvale's government access cable television channel. To reserve your spot, call (408) 523-3295 or visit www.caminomedical.org.

YOUTH AND ADULTS CAN MAKE AN IMPACT SERVING ON COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER’S COMMITTEE

The Columbia Neighborhood Center, a family resource center supporting youth and families through health, education, social and recreation services, is recruiting new members for its Community Advisory Committee. The committee consists of youth and adult Sunnyvale residents, as well as representatives from Sunnyvale

organizations, schools and businesses. The Committee helps evaluate the Center’s services, identify community needs, assist with community projects and serve as representatives of the Center to the community. The Committee meets five times during the year on weekday evenings. The first meeting will be February 28. The

time commitment for a committee member is approximately 14 hours per year. If you are interested in this opportunity, please submit an application form by February 1. For more information and an application form, please call (408) 523-8150, ext.11, or e-mail lkim@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us with your name, address and telephone number. ☎

SUNNYVALE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS WINTER QUARTERLY MEETING

**Monday, January 23, 7 p.m.
Sunnyvale Senior Center, Sequoia
Room, 550 E. Remington Drive**

Are you a neighborhood association officer? Are you interested in starting an association in your neighborhood? Want to learn more about Sunnyvale’s neighborhood associations and why they are the building blocks of our community? Then come to this informative meeting. Contact Michelle Bromstead, community outreach coordinator, at mbromstead@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us or (408) 730-7472, TDD (408) 730-7501, to R.S.V.P. or for more information.

PROJECT SENTINEL PROVIDES HOUSING COUNSELING AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION SERVICES

Project Sentinel, a nonprofit corporation, contracts with the City of Sunnyvale to provide housing counseling as well as conciliation and mediation services to residents of Sunnyvale. All of these services are confidential, neutral and free. The program’s professional staff is available to answer questions about landlord – tenant, mobile-home-park and neighbor disputes, and to provide referrals to other related agencies that offer additional services.

The staff and mediators employed by the agency will work with all parties in a particular dispute to facilitate an acceptable solution, based on the desires of the parties, instead of imposing a conclusion from a third party. This approach produces a very high success rate. Typical disputes involve repairs and maintenance, privacy, noise, fences and pets, as well as rent and mortgage payments. For help from Project Sentinel call (408) 720-9888 ext. 13, or e-mail mediate4SV@aol.com.

MAYVIEW TO OFFER PRENATAL SERVICES AT COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

MayView Community Health Service has been providing medical services to uninsured clients at the Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) since March 2005. The clinic has expanded services to include pediatric and adult medical care, including vaccines, physicals and sick visits. More than 300 new patients have registered at the clinic, which has prompted the clinic to add new services for pregnant women and add four additional hours to their schedule in January 2006.

“We are very excited to be adding services for pregnant women, including medical care, prenatal education and case management,” said Milan Chavarkar, family nurse practitioner and clinic manager. “The community has really expressed a need for us to be here and provide comprehensive family medical care. We are meeting so many families who have no other resources for affordable medical care.”

MayView Community Health Service at CNC is open Mondays

and Fridays, 8:30 a.m. – noon and Wednesdays, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Starting in January, they will also be open Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. – noon. For an

appointment, please call MayView’s new phone number (408) 746-0455. For more information, call CNC at (408) 523-8150. ☎

POLICY REVIEW OUTREACH MEETING: PLACES OF ASSEMBLY IN INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICTS

The City of Sunnyvale is reviewing policy regarding the location of places of assembly within Industrial and Commercial zoned areas. The goal is to balance the provision of space for these uses while maintaining a healthy business climate. Two outreach meetings have been scheduled:

When
Thursday, January 12
2 p.m. – 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Where
Sunnyvale Community Center, Community Room
550 E. Remington Drive.

If you are interested in providing feedback concerning this study or would like more information, please contact Ryan Kuchenig by e-mail at rkuchenig@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us, or by phone at (408) 730-7431.

SUNNYVALE SPEAKERS BUREAU

KNOWLEDGEABLE STAFF ARE AVAILABLE TO PRESENT AT YOUR NEXT MEETING

Want to learn more about issues or topics related to Sunnyvale? The City of Sunnyvale's Speakers Bureau is designed to strengthen the connection between the City and its community members. Topics include

boards and commissions, crime prevention/Neighborhood Watch, emergency preparedness, Library services, recreation services, traffic, volunteering and much more.

For more information, or to schedule a speaker, contact Michelle Bromstead, community outreach coordinator, at (408) 730-7472,

TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail mbromstead@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

To learn more about services provided by the Neighborhood and Community Services Office, visit www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/communityresources, and click on *Neighborhood and Community Services*. ☼

PG&E HELPS CUSTOMERS MANAGE HIGH HEATING PRICES

PROGRAMS COULD SPARE CONSUMERS \$200 THIS WINTER

Pacific Gas and Electric Company announced two major new initiatives to help consumers manage the high natural gas prices hitting California and the nation this winter. The initiatives were developed in consultation with The Utility Reform Network (TURN), and are supported by the consumer group.

The two-part Winter Gas Savings Program includes a conservation incentive program – offering customers a 20 percent discount for reducing their gas usage by 10 percent or more — and a winter gas cost deferral program, which would postpone collection of nearly nine percent of winter gas costs until the spring and summer months, when bills are much lower. The combination of a conservation incentive program, coupled with a deferral of a portion of winter gas costs, would provide significant reductions in winter bills for PG&E's gas customers.

Combined, the two elements of PG&E's proposed Winter Gas Savings initiatives are expected to reduce winter gas bills significantly for the successful 10/20 program participant. For example, the average residential customer who succeeds in the 10/20 program will be expected to reduce winter gas costs by about \$200, a 36 percent reduction in the gas costs they would otherwise be billed in the winter. (Note: About \$60 of the reduction would come as a one-time rebate in April or May, as a result of the 10/20 program described below.)

Natural gas prices are at record-high levels across the country, due to high demand for the fuel and the disruption of a significant portion of the nation's overall supply caused by hurricane damage to the natural gas infrastructure in the Gulf of Mexico. Natural gas bills for PG&E's customers for the remainder of the winter are expected to be 50-60 percent higher compared to last year; bills are increasing much more elsewhere in the country.

PG&E buys natural gas from suppliers and provides it to customers at cost. As a result PG&E does not profit from higher natural

gas prices. Instead, PG&E is paid a set fee to deliver gas, which doesn't change when gas prices go up.

About the Proposed 10/20 Winter Gas Savings Program

The new 10/20 Winter Gas Savings Program is modeled after the summer 20/20 program, created to promote electric conservation in 2005, 2002 and 2001. Under this new, winter natural gas savings program, residential and small business customers who reduce their natural gas usage from January 1 through March 31, 2006 by 10 percent or more compared to the same months last winter would earn a 20 percent rebate on natural gas charges for those months. Customers who reach the goal will save twice – 10 percent or more each month in reduced usage charges, and then another 20 percent rebate for the months of January – March (the rebate would appear on the bill customers receive in April or May).

Under the proposed 10/20 Winter Gas Savings Program, an average residential gas customer who successfully participates in the 10/20 program by reducing their gas usage, is expected to save about \$90 due to conservation and get an incentive bill rebate payment of about \$60, for a total reduction of 30 percent on their December-March winter gas costs. (Note: Successful 10/20 participating customers are expected to reduce usage by an average of 23 percent, based on the incentive and expected conservation in response to price signals this winter.

Participants who conserve just 10 percent would earn approximately \$40 in conservation savings, and a \$70 rebate.) Successful participants in the 10/20 Winter Gas Savings program are expected to earn bill rebates totaling approximately \$200 million in April and May 2006.

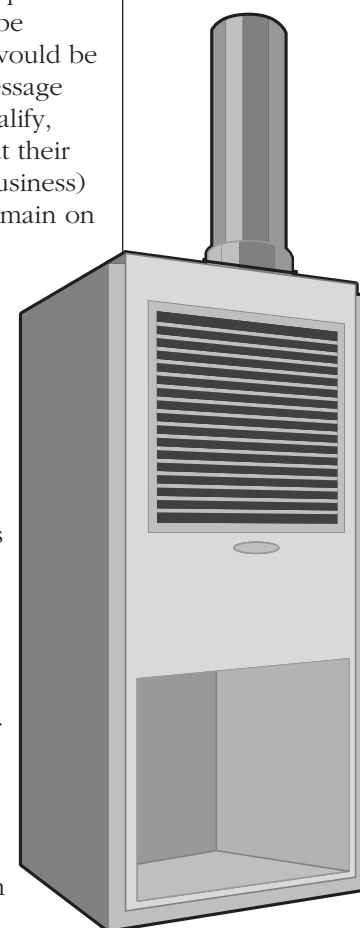
In order to succeed, customers will need to reduce their cumulative usage over the three months of the program by at least 10 percent. For example, if a customer reduces gas usage by only 8 percent in January, they can still qualify for the rebate by reducing 12 percent or more

the following month. As long as the three month reduction collectively totals at least 10 percent or more, the customer would reap the reward.

There would be no sign up required. Customers would be automatically enrolled and would be notified of eligibility in a message on their January bills. To qualify, customers must have been at their current location (home or business) since January 1, 2005 and remain on their current rate schedule.

The Winter Cost Deferral program will help lower bills during the coldest winter months (December – February) for residential and small commercial gas customers by deferring recovery of an estimated \$250 million in gas revenues from the winter to the spring and summer period. The proposed Winter Cost Deferral program is expected to reduce the average residential customer bill by about \$50 during the winter months, or about nine percent, and increase the average bill for the next seven months (April through October) by about the same total amount, but spread out over a longer period and added to bills that are much lower than in the winter.

For more information on energy savings programs visit www.pge.com. ☼



COUNCIL OUTREACH PROGRAM

Invite Sunnyvale elected officials to your next neighborhood association, PTA, cultural group or community organization meeting. For more information about the Council Outreach Program, call (408) 730-7472 or e-mail mbromstead@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. For more information about services provided by the Neighborhood and Community Services Office, go to www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/communityresources and click on *Neighborhood and Community Services*.

SUNNYVALE EXPLORERS

Are you between the ages of 14 and 20 and interested in learning about police or fire services? Sunnyvale Public Safety Explorer Post 417 may be for you.

A division of the Boy Scouts of America, Post 417 is a nonprofit volunteer program for teenagers designed to educate and involve youth in Public Safety activities. The program offers participation in

a rewarding and productive service activity, while preparing youth to contribute positively to the community.

Explorers receive both police and fire training and learn to respond to emergency scenes, accompanying and assisting Public Safety personnel in Sunnyvale. They have the opportunity to attend national competitions and leadership training academies and to assist the Sunnyvale Department

of Public Safety in communitywide events such as the annual air show at Moffett Field, Sunnyvale Art and Wine Festival, DUI checkpoints and auto extrication workshops.

Explorers meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Anyone between 14 and 20 years old is welcome to come and see what the Explorers do. For more information about the Sunnyvale Explorers call (408) 730-7140. Please call before attending a meeting. ☼

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Following the recent Gulf Coast hurricanes, people throughout the country were left feeling vulnerable and powerless. Many people were left questioning whether they are prepared to deal with the next natural or man-made disaster. In California, it's not a matter of if a disaster will strike, but when. You can empower yourself now by learning what risks are present in our area, and what to do when a disaster strikes.

What Should I Do At Home?

Create a disaster family plan. Your family plan should involve every

member of your household. Talk to your children about the risks they may face in our community and how your family will respond to those risks.

Identify hazards in your home and fix them. Walk through your home together with your family and search for any hazards. Discuss where and how family members can protect themselves in each room. You can eliminate some of the hazards by strapping your water heater and bolting freestanding furniture to wall studs and installing strong latches on cabinet doors.

Create a Family Reunion Plan. If a disaster occurred right now, where would you go to be safe? If your spouse is at work and your children are at school when the disaster occurs, what plans have you made to prepare for these separations. How will you reconnect with your family?

Develop a Family Contact Plan. To prepare for possible separations from your family, choose a friend or relative who lives at least 100 miles away who can be contacted via phone by all family members. If it becomes impossible to reach your family by phone or at the designated reunion location, each member of your family can call and report their well-being and their location to that relative or friend.

Store Emergency Supplies. With emergency personnel responding to many different situations at once, you may be on your own for an extended period when a disaster strikes. Until help arrives, you must be prepared to be self-sufficient for a minimum of 72 hours. You should store at least the following items:

- One gallon of water per person per day, for drinking and sanitation in clean sturdy plastic container. You may need to store more than a gallon of water per day for children, nursing mothers and sick people.
- Foods your family will eat that require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking with little or no water.
- A first aid kit, including prescription medications and prescribed medical supplies, such as glucose and blood pressure monitoring equipment.
- Battery-powered radio and flashlight, and extra batteries for both.

- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities, when necessary.
- Items to protect yourself from the elements: warm clothing, sturdy shoes, extra socks and blankets.
- Heavy-duty plastic bags for waste and to serve other uses, such as tarps and rain ponchos.
- Unique family needs, such as infant formula or diapers, and important family documents.
- Pet food and pet restraints.
- Learn how a disaster may affect you financially and plan accordingly. The financial impact of a disaster can be devastating. You are still responsible for debts such as mortgage, car and credit card payments. Work with your insurance company to make certain you have sufficient coverage.

What Should I Do At Work?

Assess your work place as you would your home.

- Look for any hazards that may cause you injury or prevent you from exiting the building.
- Stock a minimum supply of the goods, materials and equipment you would need for business continuity.
- Back up computer data regularly.
- Store emergency supplies, similar to what you would use at home for an extended stay.
- Join your company's emergency response team and/or safety committee.

What Should I Do For My Neighborhood?

Consider joining the City's well-established, hands-on emergency preparedness program, Sunnyvale Neighborhoods Actively Prepare (SNAP). SNAP training includes disaster preparedness, fire safety and suppression, light search and rescue, disaster medical operations and much more. For information regarding the SNAP training, emergency preparedness presentations and volunteer opportunities, please call (408) 730-7190 or e-mail the Office of Emergency Services at oes.inSunnyvale.com. ☼

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED

Be an important member of a successful team committed to the safety of school children in our community. Apply to be a school crossing guard. Several part-time positions are available, a perfect opportunity for college students, parents at home, grandparents and retirees. Crossing guards work 10 – 15 hours per week during the regular school year assisting elementary and middle-school students. Applicants for the position must pass a background check and drug and TB tests prior to employment. For more information about the crossing guard Program and details about this employment opportunity, call the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety at (408) 730-7104.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM

FOR SAFE DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES AND OTHER EXTRAS

Does the post-holiday season find you with a stock of new gadgets and a cache of old batteries or other household extras that you need to dispose or recycle? The City of Sunnyvale provides several options for safe disposal of unwanted household products containing hazardous materials, helping to prevent damage to the people and the environment.

Locally and nationally the effects of mercury contamination in the food chain are receiving increasing media attention. This winter and post-holiday season are especially good times of the year to look for and dispose of unwanted household items containing mercury. Common household items that may contain mercury include fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, batteries, mercury thermometers and thermostats.

Disposal and Recycling Options for Sunnyvale Residents

Curbside

Household batteries may be recycled at curbside. Put them in a heavy-duty, sealed plastic bag and place the bag on top of recycling cart.

SMaRT Station®

Fluorescent bulbs or tubes may be taken to the SMaRT Station, 301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale. Daily 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. No charge.

Local Retail Shops (for fluorescent bulbs and tubes)

Numerous retail stores in Santa Clara County are now accepting fluorescents bulbs and tubes at their stores during regular business hours. For a complete list, visit the *Mercury Education* link under *Household Hazardous Waste Home* at www.bhw.org.

Household Hazardous Waste Event

When you have a full-limit load, bring your other mercury-containing products and other hazardous household waste to a Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off event in Sunnyvale, held the third Saturday of each month, excluding December.

Next events: January 21, February 18, March 18

Hours: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

No appointments required for Sunnyvale residents.

Location: 164 Carl Road

Other items accepted at a Household Hazardous Waste event include pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, flammable or combustible liquids, fire extinguishers, paints, household cleaners and pool products. Businesses with small quantities of hazardous waste may be available to participate in a fee-based county drop-off program by appointment only. Call (408) 299-7300 for details.

Planning Your Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Trip

Do not mix materials, and make sure that all materials are in the original container or carefully contained in a sealed, non-leaking container. Follow the City's transportation guidelines of no more than five gallons or 50 pounds per vehicle, per trip.

Please help us prevent the unsafe disposal of mercury and other toxic household products year-round. Do not put any of these items in the trash or dump them into toilets, drains or on the ground. For more information, contact the recycling program at (408) 730-7262 or visit www.sunnyvalerecycles.org.

STOP JUNK MAIL – HERE'S HOW

The average American home receives the equivalent of one-and-a-half trees in their mailbox every year, in the form of unsolicited mail.

Nationwide, that adds up to more than 100 million trees and more than 28 billion gallons of water consumed to produce one year's worth of junk mail.

Bay Area cities, counties and businesses are working together with the Bay Area Recycling Outreach Coalition (BayROC) to save our national resources by sponsoring the Junk Mail Reduction Campaign. The campaign consists of radio commercials, public service announcements and articles in local and regional newspapers and newsletters, all asking Bay Area residents and businesses to make a special effort to help reduce the amount of junk mail that comes to their homes and offices.

Thankfully, there are a few simple things you can do to stop this waste. First, visit www.StopJunkMail.org or call (877) STOPWASTE (786-7927) to request a free Stop Junk Mail kit. The kit shows how to get off junk mailing lists and keep new junk mail from finding its way to your mailbox. The kit also provides important information on how to ensure that your name and address don't get traded, rented or sold to companies who might send you unwanted mail.

The Stop Junk Mail kit outlines five things you can do to stop junk mail:

1. Fill out and mail two preprinted postcards included in the kit (addressed to the top two mailing houses) requesting them to take your name off their mailing lists.
2. Tell companies you are currently doing business with not to sell your name.
3. Call the four top credit card, computer disk, sweepstakes and shopping flyer companies (phone numbers are provided with the kit) and request to be taken off their mailing lists.
4. Use the included sample letter to send to catalog companies to request your be name taken off their mailing list.
5. Write "Do Not Sell My Name" on the bottom of donation checks and mail orders.



<p>January 1 – March 31, 2006 Community Calendar also available online: www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/events</p> <p>City Holidays</p> <p>January 2 City Offices Closed (in observance of New Year)</p> <p>January 16 City Offices Closed (in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day)</p> <p>February 20 City Offices Closed (in observance of Presidents Day)</p> <p>Recurring Meetings and Events</p> <p>City Meetings</p> <p>City Council: Meets most Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W Olive Ave.</p> <p>Arts Commission: Meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 West Olive Ave.</p> <p>Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee: Meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m., West Conference Room.</p> <p>Board of Building Code Appeals: Meetings are held only when necessary. For more information call (408) 730-7444.</p> <p>Board of Library Trustees: Meets on the first Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>Child Care Advisory Board: Meets on the second Tuesday of each quarter, 11:30 a.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>Heritage Preservation Commission: Meets on the first Wednesday of every other month, 7 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 West Olive Ave.</p> <p>Housing and Human Services Commission: Meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>Parks and Recreation Commission: Meets on the second Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>Personnel Board: Meets on the third Monday of the month, 5 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>Planning Commission: Meets on the second and fourth Monday of the month, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>Community Meetings and Events</p> <p>American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Monthly Meeting: 12:15 p.m., Sunnyvale Senior Center, 550 E. Remington Drive For more information contact Lu Zentner, (408) 481-0890 or ez611@comcast.net .</p> <p>Business Mixer, 5 p.m., evening networking events held every fourth Thursday of the month. For more information or to make a reservation contact the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce, (408) 736-4971</p> <p>Farmer's Market, Saturdays (rain or shine), 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., S. Murphy Avenue between Washington & Evelyn Avenues. For more information call (510) 745-7100 or visit http://www.urbanvillageonline.com/sunnyvale/index.html</p> <p>Fair Oaks Toastmasters, Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Fair Oaks West Club, 655 S. Fair Oaks Ave. For more information contact Hanh Chau, (408) 251-2521, hcbau1@aol.com or visit http://geocities.com/fairoakstoastmasters .</p> <p>Glaucoma Support Group Of The South Bay, 6:30 p.m., meets the fourth Wednesday of the month. Camino Medical Group Urgent Care Center; Conference Room #2, 201 Old San Francisco Road. For more information contact Sally Twestens, Health Education Department, Camino Medical Group, (408) 523-3221 or Chris Saleh, Moderator/Founder, (408) 404-8479</p> <p>Impressions Scrapbooking & Crafts, Meets the first Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Sunnyvale Adventist Church Fellowship Hall, 653 W. Fremont Ave. For more information contact Shannon Fiorello, (408) 782-0105, cropalong@botmail.com or Shannon Andres, (408) 245-5634, cmbeartsong@botmail.com .</p> <p>Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off, Drop-off at Sunnyvale Event Site (164 Carl Road), 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Held on the third Saturday of every month (except December). For more information call (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501.</p>	<p>Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting: 7:20 a.m., Lookout Inn, 605 Macara Ave., (Sunnyvale Golf Course). For more information contact Bruce Carlson, (408) 774-0609 or bruce@carlsonfun.com .</p> <p>Wake-Up Sunnyvale, Monthly networking breakfasts held every second Thursday of the month at 7:30 a.m. For more information or to make a reservation please contact the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce, (408) 736-4971.</p> <p>Neighborhood Association Meetings</p> <p>Heritage District Neighborhood Association Meetings All meetings held at 7:30 p.m. at the Murphy Park Building, 260 N. Sunnyvale Ave. For more information, please call Tom Carrig at (408) 736-6147.</p> <p>Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Meetings All meetings held at 7 p.m. at Fairwood School or Lakewood School – please visit the Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association web site for locations at www.lvna.net. For more information, please email Phyllis Murphy at sbts2@aol.com</p> <p>San Miguel Neighbors Association Meetings All meetings held at 7 p.m. at San Miguel School Teachers' Lounge, 777 San Miguel Ave. For more information, please call Tara Martin-Milius at (408) 733-5778.</p> <p>SNAIL (Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor Including La Linda) Meets the first Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., Columbia Middle School. Teacher's Lounge, 739 Morse Ave. For more information contact Elaine Rowan, (408) 749-1846.</p> <p>Classes and Programs</p> <p>Compost Workshop, Sunnyvale Community Center – Arboretum, 10 a.m. – noon. Workshops are one Saturday per month with registration deadline the day before. For more information, call the Recycling Program at (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501.</p> <p>January 2006</p> <p>City Council Meetings: Please note: the 2006 City Council meeting schedule will be approved and posted in January. 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For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 245-2978 or visit www.ctcinc.org .</p> <p>January 11 Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.</p> <p>Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>January 12 Wake-Up Sunnyvale, 7:30 a.m.</p>	<p>January 14 Farmer's Market. 9 a.m</p> <p>January 14 Celtic harper and storyteller Patrick Ball, 8 p.m., Sunnyvale Theatre, Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Dr. To purchase tickets or for more information, call (408) 733-6611.</p> <p>January 15 Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.,</p> <p>January 16 City Offices Closed (in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday)</p> <p>January 17 – February 3 California Theatre Center presents – The Canterville Ghost, for more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 245-2978 or visit www.ctcinc.org .</p> <p>January 18 Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.</p> <p>Sunnyvale Town Center Mall Construction Mitigation Meeting, 9 a.m., South Mathilda and McKinley Avenues. This meeting is to keep downtown businesses and residents information about construction activities at the Town Center Mall. For more information call (408) 737-4900.</p> <p>January 18 Arts Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>January 19 Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>January 21 Farmer's Market. 9 a.m.</p> <p>Compost Workshop, 10 a.m.</p> <p>Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m</p> <p>January 22 Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.,</p> <p>January 23 Sunnyvale Neighborhood Associations Winter Quarterly Meeting, 7 p.m., Sunnyvale Senior Center, 550 E. Remmington Drive To R.S.V.P. or more information call (408) 730-7472 or mbromstead@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us .</p> <p>Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m.</p> <p>January 24 Child Care Advisory Board, 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>January 25 Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.</p> <p>Glaucoma Support Group Of The South Bay, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>January 25 Housing and Human Services Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>January 26 Business Mixer, 5 p.m.</p> <p>January 28 Farmer's Market. 9 a.m</p> <p>The Crash: Live Music Concert for High School Teens, 7:30 p.m., Fair Oaks Park, 540 N. Fair Oaks Ave. For more information, contact Staci Gustafson (408) 730-7741 or sgustafson@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.</p> <p>January 29 Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>February</p> <p>City Council Meetings: Please note the 2006 City Council meeting schedule will be approved and posted in January. City Council meets most Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. 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<p>February 6 – March 3 California Theatre Center presents – <i>The Adventures of Pinocchio</i>, for more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 245-2978 or visit <i>www.ctcinc.org</i> .</p> <p>Board of Library Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>February 7 Hertiage District Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>February 8 Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m.</p> <p>Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>February 9 Wake-Up Sunnyvale, 7:30 a.m.</p> <p>February 11 Farmer's Market. 9 a.m</p> <p>February 12 Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m.,</p> <p>February 13 San Miguel Neighbors Association General Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m</p> <p>February 15 Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting, 7:20 a.m</p> <p>Sunnyvale Town Center Mall Construction Mitigation Meeting, 9 a.m., South Mathilda and McKinley Avenues. 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To schedule a tour or for more information call (408) 730-7717.</p> <p>Community Calendar Online <i>events.inSunnyvale.com</i></p>
<div><div>LIBRARY PROGRAMS</div><div>continued from page 4</div><div><div><div><div>SC[IT]³ (Sunnyvale Center for Innovation, Invention, and ideas) PROGRAMS</div><div>Scilj® is a partnership between the City of Sunnyvale and the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Scilj® offers more than 40 classes on different aspects of intellectual property. Many Classes can be used to meet the continuing legal education requirements (CLE) in California. All classes are held in the Library Program Room unless otherwise indicated. Visit <i>www.sunnyvalelibrary.org</i> or call (408) 730-7300 for dates and times.</div></div><div><div>Trademark Basics \$125</div><div>A brief and basic introduction to trademarks and service marks including federally registered vs. state or common law marks, why your mark should be registered, the necessity of a trademark search and how and why to search for your mark.</div></div><div><div>Patent Prosecution Process Certificate Program \$2,595 for 5-day program or \$600 per 7-hour module</div><div>This Program enables patent practitioners to improve their skills and work more effectively and efficiently during the patent prosecution process. The certificate program has five modules which require 35 hours of class time.</div></div><div><div>Introduction to the Patent Process \$600</div><div>A day-long introduction to the patent process.</div></div><div><div>Filing Utility Patent Applications \$600</div><div>Learn how to prepare documents needed to file applications with the USPTO.</div></div><div><div>Patent Prosecution Responses I \$600</div><div>Learn the current rules for preparing amendments to the specification and claims, and more.</div></div></div><div><div>Patent Prosecution Responses II \$600</div><div>Continues PPR1 with preparation of transmittal documents related to filing a response to a Restriction Requirement, an after-final Amendment and a Notice of Allowance, and more.</div></div><div><div>Continuing Application and RCE Practice and IDSs \$600</div><div>Get experience filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and continuing utility applications and learn about information disclosure statements.</div></div><div><div>Patent Basics \$125</div><div>An introduction to patents for those new to the process.</div></div><div><div>Patent Searching \$199</div><div>Learn to search patents on the USPTO Web site.</div></div><div><div>Foreign Filing Basics for Patent Support Staff \$125</div><div>Topics include: priority dates, what should determine a foreign filing decision by attorneys and clients, PCT pointers, foreign associate fees, etc.</div></div><div><div>Introduction to the Patent Laws of East Asia (China and Taiwan) \$175</div><div>Learn about the patent laws of China and Taiwan and how to choose the optimal patent protection for each country.</div></div><div><div>Introduction to the Patent Laws of East Asia (Japan and Korea) \$175</div><div>Learn about the patent laws of Japan and Korea and how to choose the optimal patent protection for each country.</div></div></div></div>		



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